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To the learned Society of GRUB-STREET.

Gentlemen,

AS no perſon of eminence can quit the world without the notice of a News-writer, the periods of kingdoms muſt deſerve his more particular conſideration; and in which of them, throughout your *Gazetteer*, are you ſo nearly intereſted, as in the great commonwealth of Learning? Say then dear Grubſtreet,

May Dullneſs ſo her mighty wings outſpread,
To hatch a new Saturnian race of Lead.

Say by what arts your Society has roſe to its preſent greatneſs, and by what accidents Learning is fallen into univerſal decay. Is it that there is no new matter left to excite curioſity? Have our fathers extended their conqueſts ſo far over ignorance, that there are no realms of light left for their ſons to explore? But ſtill, methinks, we ſhould be often ſurveying our poſſeſſions, and not, like prodigal heirs, deſpiſe them becauſe they were not of our own acquiring; or, like ſome Antiquarians, becauſe they are common to every one's improvements. The ſoil, with proper cultivating, is ſtill capable of bearing, tho' we ſhould ſuppoſe in leſs abundance than in the times of the Patriarchs.

One ſtop to its progreſs, Sir WILLIAM TEMPLE obſerves, was, 'That very ſoon after its entry upon the 'ſcene of Chriſtendom, another was made by many of 'the new learned men into enquiries and conteſts about 'matters of Religion, the manners and maxims, and 'inſtitutions of the Clergy for ſeven or eight centuries 'paſt, the authority of Scripture and Tradition, of 'Popes and of Councils, of the antient Fathers, and of 'the later School-men and Caſuiſts'. If theſe were the burden of a former age, What might we not expect from the freedom of this? How little time is now loſt in enquiring into antient religious opinions of any ſort? Here we ſet up for originals ourſelves, and have formed ſuch a negative ſyſtem, as our fathers never durſt have hoped for. In ſhort, ſuch noble apologies have been made for the darkneſs of our underſtandings in this particular, that one would hope we ſhould have been proportionably enlightened in ſome other; but as yet we ſee no ſigns of ſuch ſucceſs: Like young projectors, fluſhed with too much wealth, we pride ourſelves in demoliſhing the unweildy ſtructures of our Anceſtors, and ſeem to meaſure our grandeur only by the rubbiſh we make out of them.

Another reaſon aſſigned for the decay of Learning is, that Riches or Luxury ſo univerſally engroſs the purſuits of mankind, that little is regarded but what contributes to the one or the other. This, I know, has been a common topick in all times. But if, as the forementioned ingenious Writer obſerves, 'It be true of particular men, 'That, as Riches increaſe, the deſires of them do ſo to, 'may it not be true of the general vein and humour of 'ages? May they not have turned more to this purſuit 'of inſatiable gains, ſince the diſcoveries and plantations 'of the *Weſt Indies*, and thoſe vaſt treaſures that have 'flowed in to theſe Weſtern parts of Europe almoſt e-'very year, and with ſuch mighty tides, for ſo long a 'courſe of time"? 'Tis farther to be obſerved, tho' the fountains of Riches have been increaſed, the ſtreams of them have been much divided. Glory, as it were, rode triumphant upon them at firſt, when a noble ambition ſwelled the ſails, and Learning made part of the magnificence: but now, as they run in infinite channels, they are aſſigned to bear veſſels of burden for the benefit of traffick, or incloſed in reſervoires in an inhoſpitable ſort of profuſion. To oppoſe a general taſte, requires ſomething of a ſtoical reſolution: no wonder then, that thoſe who have no opportunity of purſueing Riches, roll on in indolence, rather than affect a learned ſingularity, and take much pains for what they ſhall have but little thanks. A man that ſhould purſue Learning with the diſintereſted ſpirit of an * ERASMUS, that ſhould reject a Biſhoprick like † URSEWYCK, or, to deſcend to later times, that ſhould, like USHER, divide an eſtate with a few incumbrances among his ſiſters, that it might not diſtract him from his ſeverer ſtudies, would need more than all the Learning of theſe worthies to convince the world of his Diſcretion; and would be thought, perhaps, at laſt to have done as little ſervice to that, as to himſelf; unleſs he had made ſome improvements in navigation, or in the ‖ culture of a hop-garden: for in our plenty, 'tis to be obſerved, we grow wondrous philoſophical, ſhall I ſay, or delicate; we talk of the emptyneſs of fame, and the folly of all human labours, that don't tend either to the accommodation or amuſements of life, and from either character, many branches of Learning are ſure to be exempted. What are we the better for enumerating a race of Macedonian kings: more profit, and as much glory, would be raiſed from a ſupplement to a modern *Almanack*, or a *Court Kalender*: what ſignifies it to ſettle the metre of TERENCE, or of DAVID, when it adds no grace to the voice of FARINELLI? or the muſick of STERNHOLD and HOPKINS, who yet, good men, thought it worth while, in their days, to pretend, that their Tranſlation had been *conferred with the original Hebrew?*

This contempt for Learning has been farther increaſed by the imputation of Pedantry, which ſome ſcholars having juſtly incurred, is occaſionally thrown as a reproach upon all. Upon this head, Sir W. TEMPLE again obſerves, 'That an ingenious Spaniard would 'needs have it, that the ridicule of Knight Errantry had 'ruined the Spaniſh monarchy.' Before *the Hiſtory of* DON QUIXOTE appeared, Love and Honour took up the whole life of every Cavalier; but theſe two mercurial paſſions being once killed, their death has been followed with nothing but ſolemn pace and long cloaks. In like manner, Learning has, I fear, been brought into diſeſteem, by the cry againſt the awkward affectation of it. The reign of Pedantry with us, is generally reckoned that of King JAMES I. which, tho' juſtly charged with this weakneſs, as well as many others, yet may boaſt perhaps of as great a concurrence of ſolid Learning, as any ſince: I will name only four about that time, who, for their extent of reading, can ſcarce be equalled. JOSEPH SCALIGER in France, GROTIUS in Holland, USHER in Ireland, and SELDEN in England; not to mention all thoſe great Lawyers which fill the firſt page of Dr. WILKIN's *Life* of the laſt. From the Reſtoration we have been poliſhing Learning, rather than making any addition to it. To render it familiar among us, it has been made to ſpeak in our own language, and ſet off in the genteeleſt dreſs that wit and fancy could deviſe. But I ſubmit it to you, Gentlemen, whether, with its ruſticity, it may not have loſt ſomewhat of its ſtrength. All things now appear under the modeſt name of *Eſſays*, which are often but an agreeable way of entertaining the reader (as I may now) without makeing him a jot the wiſer; we come from them as from courtiers, tho' they deceive our expectations, yet we can't but own their *manner* is wonderfully engageing.

I have conſidered Pedantry here, rather as a ſpecies of *ill Taſte*, than of *ill Manners*. Far be it from me to be an advocate for the latter in any ſhape. I readily allow,

One moral, or a mere well-natured deed,
Does all deſert in Sciences exceed.

But ſtill, I fear, ſome perſons trample upon the pride of the Learned with no leſs of their own; and leave it hard to be determined, which diſcovers moſt the Cynic or the Platoniſt. 'Tis great pity wit ſhould ſometimes fall into this vein, which is at beſt but a younger brother to Learning; and the only difference between them is, that the one values himſelf for the acuteneſs of his parts, the other for his patrimony left him.

Another reaſon which may be aſſigned for the decay of Learning is the luxury of the preſs. Our choice is diſtracted by the too great multiplicity of books, and the natural ardor of mankind after knowledge, ſtifled by the fewel for it. So that in this reſpect Learning, as formerly the commonwealth from whence we received it, ſeems to labour under its own greatneſs.

But as this is an invidious topick to your Society, who live by the preſs, or ſtarve by it, I ſhall urge on the other hand, that printing has rather too much facilitated than obſtructed Learning, that the fault therefore is to be laid upon the publick, not upon the preſs. Thus then the *Hueſiana, Act.* 78.

'One of the principal cauſes of the decay of Learning is, in my opinion, the over great care that has been 'taken to preſerve it; inſomuch, that the new methods, 'that have been thought of to make men knowing, have 'been one obſtacle to their being ſo. At the revival of 'letters, the difficulty of maſtering them increaſed the 'deſire after them, and called forth all the diligence of 'the ſtudious. Few helps were then at hand; printing 'had not as yet multiplied books beyond number; the 'works of the antients were forced to be read in manu-'ſcripts, which were often very hardly decyphered: 'thoſe that the preſs obliged the publick with, came 'from it in a plain form, deſtitute of all thoſe metho-'dical appendages that make the uſe of them eaſy; ſuch 'as *Tranſlations, Prefaces, Arguments, Sections, Notes, Commentaries* and *Indexes, Grammars* and *Dictionaries*, the keys of Learning, were then very ſcarce; 'the firſt impreſſions were rude, and afforded but ſmall 'attractives to readers by their neatneſs: printed books, 'as well as manuſcripts, bore a great price, thoſe that 'could ſurmount ſo many obſtacles made only a private uſe 'of them, and it was not till after long ſtudy and frequent 'reflections, that they thought of ſending out helps to 'the ſtudious; and yet, the PETRACH's, the PICUS MI-'RANDOLA's, the POLITIAN's, the ERASMUS's, the 'BUDÆUS's were ſeen to ariſe out of this darkneſs, not 'to mention all thoſe great men whom the barbarity of 'the Turks drove out of Greece into Italy, and who 'carried thither a love and taſte for letters, nor many 'others whoſe Elogiums have been left us by PAULUS 'JOVIUS. We can never ſufficiently commend them, 'who out of a deſire to communicate to their cotempo-'raries and poſterity, thoſe good bleſſings that coſt them 'ſo much pains to obtain, have endeavoured to ſhorten 'and plain the way to ſcience, but their labours have 'been too ſucceſsful, and a good cauſe has produced a 'very ill effect. The eaſe that has been afforded to ſtudy, 'has produced a relaxation of it, and we ſtop at that 'falſe erudition which is at the bottom of the hill, to 'ſave ourſelves the trouble of climbing up to the top of 'it, where true Learning is ſeated. The multitude of '*Abridgements*, of *New Methods*, of *Indexes*, of *Dictionaries*, have damped that lively ardour which made 'ſcholars; and they have thought to know, that without any ſtudy, which they were aſſured might be learned with but moderate pains. All ſciences are now chiefly 'compriſed in *Dictionaries*, we want no other keys to 'unlock them: there's ſcarce a man of tolerable reading, 'but when furniſhed with a good MORERI, thinks himſelf upon a level with the learned of the firſt rank, 'the compilers of which were below thoſe of the ſe-'cond.'

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* He refus'd for ſome Time the Rectory of *Aldington* in *Kent*, offered him by Archbiſhop *Warham*, becauſe it being a Benefice with Cure of Souls, it required a man to reſide and feed the Flock, which he, being ignorant of Engliſh, could not do, —— but however the Archbiſhop preſented his Suffragan Dr. *John Horneton*, and charged the Living with a good penſion to *Eraſmus*; but, ſays he, *when the Archbiſhop found, that he made a farther ſcruple of receiving the money, when he did no duty for it, he ſatisfied his conſcience. Knight's* Life of *Eraſmus*, p. 156.

† Having been Recorder of London under *Edw.* IV. *Ric.* III. and *Hen.* VII. and employed by the laſt in ſeveral Embaſſies, in 1499 refuſed the Biſhoprick of Norwich, and retired to Hackney.

‖ Agreeably to this taſte of the age I am informed, that Dr. *Teniſon*, the late Biſhop of Oſſory in Ireland, has left forty pounds a year for a *Lecture on Agriculture*, to be read in Engliſh, at Bennet College in Cambridge four days in a week every Term, one of which being on a market day. Much to the improvement, no doubt, of the Country Parſons and the Country People, who will learn from hence, to *toſs the Clods about with the air of Gentlemen.*

DOMESTIC NEWS.

P. *Daily Poſt-Boy.*
DP. *Daily Poſt.*
D J. *Daily Journal.*
DA. *Daily Advertiſer.*
LP. *London Daily Poſt.*
G. *Daily Gazetteer.*
S J. *St. James's Evening Poſt.*
L E. *London Evening Poſt.*

THURSDAY, *Feb.* 19. Yeſterday his excellency Cou[nt] Kinski, his Imperial Majeſty's ambaſſador, gave a mag[nif]icent and ſplendid entertainment at Somerſet-houſe, on occaſion of the marriage of the Duke of Lorrain w[ith]

the eldeſt Archdutcheſs: at night there was a maſquerade and a ball, which was honour'd by the preſence of his Majeſty and the whole Court. *P. DJ. G.* —— There were two tables of 50, two of 40, and four of 30 covers each. *DP.* —— There were 800 maſques preſent, and not a dozen Dominos. The King came about 11, and went away at 3: he was dreſs'd in a blue Turkiſh habit, the veſt white, with a turbant button'd up with diamonds of immenſe value. The Prince was dreſs'd like a German miner in red and ſilver, and ſtaid till 4. The Duke was in a Poliſh dreſs, chang'd his habit twice, and went away at half hour after 2. The Dutcheſs of Marlborough, and the Dutcheſs of Portland, were in the old Engliſh dreſſes worn in Q. Elizabeth's days, and had on all their jewels: The Lady Weymouth was in a Spaniſh dreſs. The Spaniſh Ambaſſadreſs, and the Dutcheſs of Wharton were dreſs'd alike in two Pilgrim habits, and talk'd very much with the King. At one there was a fine cold ſupper in an ambigu, of 150 diſhes. *DA. Feb.* 20. ——— There were about 600 perſons. His Majeſty went about 1, when the nobility and gentry unmaſqu'd. The Prince was dreſs'd like a Venetian merchant; the Duke like an Imperial Huſſar; the Princeſs Amelia in green velvet, like a Sultana; the Princeſs Carolina like a Shepherdeſs. All Dominies or Habits, repreſenting or ridiculing religious orders were expreſsly forbid. *LP.* ——— The whole expence upwards of 2000 l. *LP. Feb.* 25.

By the ſpring tide on monday it is thought, near a 1000 l. damages are done at the King's yard at Deptford. ——— It made a breach at Millbank, and overflowed the fields and gardens: it broke into Chelſea Water-works, and did a conſiderable damage. ——— It has done incredible damage about Barking in Eſſex, a breach was made on the banks of the Creek, by which the marſhes were overflowed, and ſeveral hundred cattle drown'd. *P.* ——— In the iſland of Candy, the inhabitants were forced to get into their upper rooms to ſave their lives. *DJ.*

A wager of 200 guineas has been propoſed between a very eminent phyſician of this town, and Mr. Joſhua Ward, for each to take 12 patients under their care, labouring under different maladies, and he who cures moſt to win the ſtakes. *LP.* ——— *Hudibras ſays*, Fools for arguments lay wagers: *tho'* Mr. Ward *is* no fool, *but would fain make one of* a very eminent phyſician.

The hon. Mrs. Vane continues ſo ill at Bath, that there is no hopes of her recovery; and her ſon was yeſterday ſo ill and convulſed, that his life is deſpaired of. *LP.* ——— Yeſterday he lay at the laſt extremity. *G. Feb.* 21. ——— *Bath, Feb.* 16. She is in good health, and goes moſt days abroad. *DA. Feb.* 20. ——— Her ſon died yeſterday morning. *DP. LP. Feb.* 24. ——— Aged 3 years, 9 months, and 2 days. *DA.*

Married on monday, Greg. Whitehouſe of Suſſex, Eſq; to Miſs Chriſtiana Read, a beautiful young Lady, with 10,000 l. *P.*

Died laſt Week at Haſtede, near Bury in Suffolk, the Lady Cullum, wife of Sir Jaſper —— At Bury of a dropſy, Dr. Warren. *LP.* —— Yeſterday in Bond-ſtreet, Tho. Jennings of Farnborough-place in Hants, Eſq; *DA.*

Laſt week a woman of Iſleworth was found dead in the church-yard: ſhe had drank the night before a great quantity of Geneva. *DP.* —— On monday a poor woman having drank a great quantity of gin, fell down in Eaſt-Smithfield, and died in a few hours. *P. DJ. G.* ——— On tueſday Mr. Fitts, of Eſſex, dropp'd down dead at White-chapel. *P.*

FRIDAY, *Feb.* 20. Yeſterday his Majeſty went in his coach of ſtate to the Houſe of Peers, and gave the royal aſſent to ſeveral bills. *P.* &c.

On tueſday his excellency Baron de Borcke, the Pruſſian ambaſſador, preſented to his Majeſty a letter from the King of Pruſſia, giving a full ſatisfaction for the irregularities committed in Germany, &c. *P.*

Yeſterday Sir Hen. Vincent, Bart. was choſen governor of the Welſh-copper Company. *P* —— Tho. Corbett, Eſq; has reſign'd his place of ſecretary of Greenwich-hoſpital, to his brother Will. Corbett, Eſq; *DP.*

Yeſterday the rev. Dr. Barton preach'd before the Sons of the Clergy at S. Paul's: after which a handſome collection was made. *DJ.* —— Upwards of 500 l. which is 200 l. leſs than the laſt year. *DP.* —— 84 l. 3 s. 6 d. was collected in the choir: in the hall 505 l. 3 s. 6 d. beſides which, ſeveral ſums were hourly expected from annual benefactors, tho' not preſent. *DA.* ——— The company was not ſo great as expected, and the collection very different. *P.* —— There was collected at the choir at the feaſt, and at the rehearſal, upwards of 800 l. *LP. Feb.* 21. ——— *By* different, *I ſuppoſe, my brother* P. *means* indifferent.

Yeſterday morning, the Lady of the right hon. the Lord Rob. Montagu, was ſafely deliver'd of a daughter, in Burlington-gardens. *DP.* —— In Saville-row. *DJ. DA.*

Married on ſaturday, Mr. George Bankes, of Duck's-court, Chancery-lane, attorney, to Mrs. Young of Caſtle-yard, a Lady of 10,000. l. *LP.*

On monday, as Mr. Cooper, of Gold-Ongar in Eſſex, was at work with 5 men in his famous decoy, a ſudden inundation of the river happen'd and in a few minutes 10 miles of land were laid under water: Mr. Cooper ſav'd himſelf in his boat, but the 5 men periſh'd in the view of many hundred people. *LP.* —— *Bath, Feb.* 16. On thurſday the celebrated Mrs. Anne Dolton was found drown'd in our river; her head was cut in a moſt terrible manner, and the Coroner's inqueſt have brought in their verdict *Wilful murder*; ſince which, one John Oyſter Cole has been committed to Ivelcheſter goal on ſuſpicion. —— Yeſterday two women being very drunk with gin, one ſtruck the other in the face with her patten, and beat off her noſe. *DA.* ——— Mary Dalton who ſold lemons and oranges. *P. LP. G. Feb.* 24.

SATURDAY, *Feb.* 21. The hon. Hen. Legge, Eſq; is appointed ſecretary to the right hon. Sir Rob. Walpole, as Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the room of Mr. Baron Forteſcue. *LP.* ——— The right hon. Sir Rob. Walpole went yeſterday to the Houſe of Commons, for the firſt time ſince his late indiſpoſition. *DJ. G.*

Yeſterday John Browne, Eſq; who has accepted the office of one of his Majeſty's councils, was rechoſen for Dorcheſter without oppoſition. *G.*

We are credibly informed, that the new bridge is to be of fine ſtone, of the moſt curious workmanſhip; and that the money is to be raiſed by way of lottery, by a deduction of 16 per cent. out of the prizes, and that the bridge is to be free from toll. *P.*

Yeſterday morning when the watch were *aſleep*, the iron bars of a Hoſier's cellar-window againſt S. Dunſtan's church in Fleet-ſtreet, were wrench'd out: it's obſervable, that Fleet-ſtreet abounds at night with more whores and thieves, than any ſtreet, and yet is worſe watch'd. *LP.* —— *This is the very reaſon why it is ſo.*

The perſon ſtripp'd, bound, and left all night in a ditch in Chelſea-fields (who ſaid his name was Tho. Payne, born at Cranborn in Dorſetſhire) is ſuppos'd to be one of the gang who lately committed ſo many robberies about that part of the town; for tho' he was carried to the Hercules-pillars at Hyde-park corner, and ſo many charitable people ſent him money, that in 3 days he got upwards of 12 l. yet he went off laſt tueſday night with the cloaths that were lent him. *DP.* —— *This ſeems too* ſtrange *to be* true.

Died on thurſday, in Pall-mall, the hon. Charles Stanhope, Eſq; *DA. G. LP.* —— He has left the bulk of his eſtate 80,000 l. to his brother the hon. John Stanhope, Eſq; *DP* —— Said to have died worth upwards of 100,000 l. *DJ.* —— Yeſterday in Bedford-ſtreet, Covent-garden, Hen. Shelley, Eſq; mercer. *LP.* —— In Great Ruſſel-ſtreet, Bloomsbury, Sir John Meres. *DP.* — Poſſeſs'd of an eſtate of 4000 l. per ann. *DA. G.* —— Worth upwards of 100,000 l. tho' he is ſuppoſed to have loſt as much of late by ſchemes, &c. the title is extinct. *LP.*

On tueſday one Auſtin, a ſailor, fell into the Thames from a lighter and was drown'd. *P.* —— On wedneſday a man ſervant belonging to the Lady Biſhop, hanged himſelf in the pantry. *DJ.*

MONDAY, *Feb.* 23. Yeſterday their Majeſties receiv'd the compliments of the nobility, &c. on occaſion of the birth-day of her highneſs the Princeſs Mary, who entered into her 13th year. *P. DJ. DA. G.* —— The rev. Dr. Jones preached before their Majeſties, his highneſs the Prince, &c. *P.* —— Dr. Medlicott. *DJ. G.* —— And the rev. Dr. Crow before his highneſs the Duke, &c. *P.* —— Dr. Jones. *DJ.*

On thurſday the right hon. Sir Tho. Reeve was ſworn of his Majeſty's moſt hon. privy council, and took his place at the board. *DA. G.* ——— And Will. Philipps, of Sandyhaven, Eſq; was appointed ſheriff of the county of Pembroke. *DP. DJ. DA. LP. G.* —— His royal highneſs the Prince has been pleaſed to appoint ——— Sybourg, Eſq; to be page of honour, in the room of Mr. Kelligrew. *P. DP. DJ. DA.*

We have received advice from Norfolk, that on the 15th a violent ſtorm aroſe at N. W. and continued till tueſday morning, and happening to be a ſpring tide, brought the ſea in a moſt terrible manner upon the ſhore; it overflowed the great Beach at Clay, and almoſt demoliſh'd that town (many of the inhabitants were taken out of their windows); it left 9 feet water in the marſhes: the whole coaſt almoſt from Clay to Lynn was overflow'd, and very great damage done *DJ.*

Died yeſterday, in Boſwell-court, near Lincoln's-Inn, —— Coke, Eſq; *DA.* —— Of an apoplectick fit while he was preaching at S. Nicholas Col-Abbey, the rev. Mr. Heale. *P. DP. DJ. G.* — Mr. Heald of S. George in Southwark, &c. He falling back upon the ſeat, puſh'd open the pulpit door, and falling down the ſtairs, pitch'd upon his head, and expir'd immediately. *DA.*

On ſaturday, one Gray, ſervant to a diſtiller in Southwark, fell into a tub of hot ſpirits and was ſcalded to death. *DP.*

TUESDAY, *Feb.* 24. We hear, that his Majeſty's pleaſure was ſignify'd yeſterday, that if in caſe a bridge was built from New palace-yard to Stangate, as propoſed, if thought neceſſary, he would give a paſſage thro' Privy garden, &c. *DJ.* ——— Mr. Serjeant Eyre is made one of the King's ſerjeants learned in the law. *DA.*

The rev. Mr. Thomas, chaplain to the Britiſh factory at Hamburgh, will ſucceed Dr. Maddox, as rector of the united pariſhes of S. Vedaſt, alias Foſter, and S. Michael at Quern, having obtained a promiſe thereof when his Majeſty was laſt at Hanover. *DJ.* ——— *The* DA. *and* G. *Feb.* 12. preſented the rev. Mr. Wilſon to it.

We hear the Lords of the Admiralty have lately given orders, that the ſquadron at Liſbon ſhould remain there till further orders. *DJ.*

Yeſterday morning the Lady of the right hon. the Lord Harvey was ſafely deliver'd of a daughter, at her apartments in S. James's-houſe. *LP.*

The levels near Rynham in Eſſex are overflowed, and the damage done is reckon'd to be near 100,000 l. *LP.*

Laſt monday ſe'nnight the houſe of Tho. Teddeman, Eſq; at Harbledown near Canterbury, was broke open, and an old cheſt of draws carried out, in which was above 390 l. in ſpecie. *G.* ——— *This money was impriſoned in a wrong place.*

In a certain ward in this city, the reaſon given why *ſuch old, decrepid, uſeleſs fellows were employ'd for watchmen*, was, That if they were not ſo employed, the ſeveral pariſhes muſt be put to the expence of maintaining them, for they were ſo old as to be unable to get their living any other way. ——— *A rare anſwer*, Mr. Deputy. *LP.*

A few days ſince Will. Edwin, a ſoldier, who was committed to Newgate on Jan. 19th, for biting off the upper lip of Matt. Pain, was bail'd out of Newgate; the proſecutor having taken 10 guineas in lieu of his lip, and given a general releaſe. *LP.*

Married laſt ſaturday, Geo. Doliffe of Bedford-row, Eſq; to the hon. Mrs. Weſtern, ſiſter to the Lord Bateman. *DP.* — A Lady of conſiderable fortune. *DJ.*

Died a few days ago, at Cheſter, in his 102d year, Mr. Gab. Curſt. *P* —— On ſaturday, at Ingſtree in Staffordſhire, the right hon. the Lord Viſc. Chetwynd. *P. DA. LP. G.* —— At Barnet, Rob. Groome of Topnoſt in Norfolk, Eſq; poſſeſs'd of an eſtate of 2000 l. per ann. *DP.*

WEDNESDAY, *Feb.* 25 His royal highneſs the Prince of Wales has appointed the rev. Mr. Dan. Stockſton, fellow of Trinity-hall, Cambridge, one of his Chaplains in ordinary. *P.* ——— Stockton: on ſaturday. *DP. DA. G.*

The officers of the Engliſh fleet at Liſbon have the liberty to buy as much proviſion as they want in Spain; in conſequence of which, no proviſion has been ſent lately thither from the victualling office. *P.* — *Except ſeveral ſhip-loads ſent by my brethren.*

We are credibly informed, that a Yorkſhire gentleman has lately bought an eminent tradeſman's daughter in this town for 600 l. he has a wife and 6 children, and is above 70 years of age. *P.*

Yeſterday morning between 12 and 1, the Poſt-boy bringing the mail from Oxford, was attack'd by a footpad over-againſt the Blue-boar inn in Holbourn, who took away the mail, and ran towards S. Giles's, but being purſued with a cry of ſtop thief, he quitted the bags, and got off: the mail was taken up by a watchman, and carried to the conſtable, who ſent it to the Poſt-office. *DP. DJ. G.*

Married laſt thurſday, Hen. Will. Portman, Eſq; of Dorſetſhire, heir to 10,000 l. per ann. to Miſs Anne Fitch, a young Lady of beauty, merit and fortune. —— On monday at Mortlack, Will. Jones of Daventry, Eſq; to Miſs Marſhall, a very beautiful young Lady, with a fortune of 8000 l. *DP.* ——— Yeſterday morning at Whitehall, Kendrick Clayton, Eſq; to Miſs Herring, an agreeable Lady of 30,000 l. fortune. *DJ.*

Died laſt ſaturday in Great Marlborough-ſtreet, the Lady Powlet. *DA.* ——— Yeſterday, in Newgate, Gilbert Campbell, one of the 5 perſons condemn'd for robbing Dr. Lancaſter. *DP. LP. G.*

We hear from Whitby in Yorkſhire, that laſt monday ſe'nnight the meadows being overflow'd, four ſailors with a farmer, went off in a boat, in order to ſave ſome ſheep; but after they had got 4 of them into the boat, it overſet, and the farmer with two of the ſailors were drowned. *DA.* ——— From Redruth in Cornwall, that on the 18th, as 3 men were pulling down the old houſe of Joſhua Backridge, Eſq; the chimney fell on them, and all 3 periſhed. *P.*

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

Gentlemen,

THO' Mr. BAVIUS has quitted his office, yet, I ſuppoſe, your Correſpondence is carry'd on in much the ſame manner as before: therefore I hope I ſhall ſee this inſerted in your *Journal*. The ridiculous light in which you have ſo often ſet the *Art of Puffing*, one would have thought had been enough to deterr any literary brother from the practice; yet, notwithſtanding all your remonſtrances, I find the real Members of Grubſtreet will never give up this privilege, being one of the fundamental artifices, by which the authors and retailers of dullneſs ſubſiſt. A remarkable *Puff*, which I met with in the *Daily Journal*, both of yeſterday and to-day, ſtruck me in ſo ſtrong a manner, that I could not reſiſt the temptation of taking this particular notice of it; that by your *Journal* I might prevent the Town's being impos'd on in ſo groſs a manner. In that Paper, which has of late been remarkable only for puffing the *Orations*, *Diſputations*, &c. at the *Oratory*, and the unknown *Eſſays* of the judicious *Prompter*; (the latter of which have been frequently republiſhed, tho' not properly reprinted in it) is an Account of a Comedy call'd, *The Double Deceit*, or *A Cure for Jealouſy*; whereby the Town is inform'd, 'That this Play is to be perform'd on monday ſe'nnight, and that it was acted once 'at the latter end of the laſt Seaſon, to obviate an objection of Plagiariſm on account of a ſimilitude in one 'part of the Fable, with a part of the Fable of the '*Man of Taſte*.' The author of this Puff, (who in all probability is the author of the Play) is not content to ſtop here; but proceeds in a very extraordinary manner, laying an accuſation on the author of the *Man of Taſte*, for being a plagiary, and '*ſtealing that part of his Fable*, 'of putting *two footmen* into the habit of their maſters.' But the manner of proving this poetical theft is admirable. —— Mr. P—— LE's Play of the *Double Deceit* was put into rehearſal before *The Man of Taſte*, tho' by ſome accidents it was not brought on the ſtage till after it: therefore the author of the *Man of Taſte* took this part of Mr. P——LE's *Fable*, and made uſe of it in a ſurreptitious manner. The improbability of this ſpeaks itſelf. But in reality, neither Mr. P——LE, nor Mr. M——R can lay any claim to this part of the Fable; it is MOLIERE's; and Mr. M——R has ingenuouſly confeſs'd it to be ſo. —— Had it not been MOLIERE's; had it been Mr. P——LE's own thought; yet it looks not good-natur'd in him to accuſe a brother author of *Plagiariſm*, becauſe he happened to have the ſame way of thinking: Why ſhould not *two Wits jump* in this age, as well as in all ages before? —— I can't ſee why Mr. P——LE ſhould make a point of ſo trifling an incident: but from the very firſt appearance of the *Man of Taſte*, I am well aſſured he did all he could to injure its author: he not only employed his own wit in private cenſures; but his intimate friend and Puffer the author of the *Prompter*, employed two or three of thoſe Papers to ſhow the Town with how wrong a judgment they applauded the *Man of Taſte*. This artifice was properly to introduce *The Double Deceit*: it was play'd the firſt night to about a 30 l. houſe; three parts of which were the Author's friends, who came on purpoſe, right or wrong, to applaud it: notwithſtanding which, little or no applauſe was given. —— The ſecond night (ſo *well* was this Comedy *receiv'd by the Town*) the audience of about 5 l. was diſmiſs'd, and this *incomparable Comedy* reſerv'd for *this Seaſon*. —— It is now to come on again: and to prepare the Town in its favour, the *Puffing paragraph* here taken notice of was inſerted *two days* ſucceſſively. —— I am neither an enemy to Mr. P——LE, nor a friend to Mr. M——R: I know neither of them but by their writings; and theſe lines entirely flow from my love to juſtice and impartiality. —— I cannot ſay that I think *The Man of Taſte* a good Play; but I affirm (and I believe the Town will prove of the ſame opinion) that *The Double Deceit* is a worſe: I have ſeen them both perform'd; and therefore have a juſt liberty of ſpeaking as I think. —— Whatever opinion the gentlemen in the pit may be of, contrary to the wiſhes of the Author; he readily can account for their ill nature: they are *enemies* to the Royal Family (ſome of whom he expects on his third day) they are in the *Country Intereſt*, and act only in *oppoſition* to the *preſent Miniſtry*. —— As abſurd as theſe reaſons may ſeem, they are ſuch as he made uſe of to excuſe the ill ſucceſs of the *Lady's Revenge*, or *Rover Reclaim'd*; and for which in his *Preface* to that Play, he groſsly abus'd ſeveral Gentlemen of the Temple and the other Inns of *Court*. Your Paper carry'd on that Diſputation, till your Society, by moſt juſt reaſons and arguments, confirmed the judgement thoſe Gentlemen had paſs'd on it. I am, Gentlemen,

Your humble ſervant, and

Quondam Correſpondent,

NEITHER-SIDE.

Bedford Coffee-houſe, Covent-Garden, Feb. 17, 1735 6.

Dublin, Feb. 7. On Jan. 4, died at Roſcrea, Rob Callbeck, aged 114, who enjoy'd perfect health till a few days before; never uſed ſpectacles till 111, but could read a Bible of a very ſmall print. *P. DA. LP. G. Feb.* 19.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Feb.* 19. The conferences between the Imperial and Spaniſh Generals in Italy, for ſettling their limits, broke up very abruptly. *DA.*

MONDAY, *Feb.* 23. —— *Vienna, Feb.* 15. N. S. On the 12th his royal highneſs the Duke of Lorrain made his entry into this city about 5 in the evening, with great ſolemnity, having his brother Prince Charles on his left hand. At 7 the proceſſion began from the Imperial palace to the Aulick church of the Auguſtins. The Gentlemen, Chamberlains, Officers of the houſhold, and Miniſters of ſtate went firſt, next the Knights of the golden fleece, then his royal highneſs the Duke of Lorrain, in a habit of ſilver ſtuff, with a mantle of the ſame, wearing a cap on his head, in which was a plume of white feathers, his ſtockings white, and ſhoes the ſame, with red heels; Count Hamilton, Captain of the Archers, went next after the Duke, and then came the Emperor, next to whom was the Archdutcheſs, walking between the Empreſs her mother, and the Empreſs Dowager; ſhe was dreſs'd in white like the bridegroom, and her robe was ſet all over with pearls and diamonds; the Counteſs de Fuſch, her governeſs, held up her train; the two Archdutcheſſes, her ſiſter and aunt, follow'd next, after which came a long train of Lords and Ladies, all of whom vied with each other in richneſs of cloaths and jewels The Pope's Nuncio receiv'd the Proceſſion at the entrance into the chapel of Loretto, which was adorn'd for the occaſion with ineſtimable magnificence. Their Imperial Majeſties were plac'd near the altar in chairs of ſtate cover'd with gold brocade, and a little behind them, the Duke and Archdutcheſs in others with ſilver. The ſervice then began, and the Nuncio having read the Pope's Diſpenſation for the marriage, demanded of the Duke in Latin, *Wilt thou have the Archdutcheſs Mary Tereſa for thy wedded wife?* to which his royal highneſs anſwer'd, *Let it be ſo* The Nuncio then ask'd the Archdutcheſs, *Wilt thou have the Duke of Lorrain for thy wedded husband?* upon which that Princeſs aroſe from her chair, and turning towards their Imperial Majeſties, made a low curt'ſy, as if to ask their approbation, which being given, the Archdutcheſs went to them and kiſs'd their hands, and returning to her place anſwer'd, *She was content* Their highneſſes then approaching the altar, the Nuncio join'd their hands, wav'd the ſtole over them to ſhow their ſubmiſſion to the church, and gave them the benediction. A general diſcharge of the cannon proclaim'd the completion of the ceremony, which was repeated at the ſinging *Te Deum*, and again upon the return of the Proceſſion to the Imperial palace. Their Imperial Majeſties ſat down to ſupper at a long table, being ſeated in rich chairs of ſtate, having the Empreſs Dowager on the right hand, ſeated in a chair cover'd with black velvet, and the bride and bridegroom on the left, all in a row. About twelve they retired. The Court return'd the next morning to the Aulick church with the like ceremonial, and heard high maſs; after which the Pope's Nuncio gave the nuptial benediction in his Holineſs's name to the bride and bridegroom. The Court din'd in publick as the preceding evening, and afterwards went to the Opera. 'The next day, being the laſt of the carnival, a country wedding was repreſented at Court, in which the Emperor and Empreſs, the Duke and Dutcheſs, and the whole Court had their parts

The Duke of Lorrain's cloaths, and thoſe of the Archdutcheſs, were ſhewn publickly ſome days before the wedding. The Duke had 24 ſuits, all of cloth of gold or ſilver; the Archdutcheſs had 50 ſuits, all likewiſe of gold or ſilver ſtuffs, of different patterns: ſhe had the like number of head-dreſſes, the lace of which coſt 6,00 l. ſterling There were baſkets of fans, gloves and ribbons, without number; likewiſe two complete ſets of plate for a toilet, one of ſilver gilt. The cloaths coſt 20,000 l. ſterling. The medals, 600 whereof were gold, have on one ſide the heads of the illuſtrious couple; and on the reverſe, two burning hearts on an altar crown'd by Religion, with this inſcription, *Tandem votorum compotes: At length they have their wiſhes.* DA. P.

The death of the Dutcheſs dowager of Brunſwick-Wolfenbuttle-Blackenbourg, mother of the reigning Empreſs is confirmed. *P.* —— On the 9th, N. S. King Auguſtus's Queen was deliver'd of a Princeſs. *P. G.* — Having danc'd at a Ball the night before. *DA.* —— On the 10th. *LP.*

WEDNESDAY, *Feb.* 25. —— *Naples, Feb* 7. N. S. The King employs himſelf much with reading, and particularly hiſtory books. That Prince has tranſlated out of the French into Latin, part of the Abridgment of the Univerſal Hiſtory, wrote by the late Claudi de l'Iſle, geographer and cenſor royal in France; and has dedicated that Tranſlation to the Queen of Spain his mother. *P. DA.*

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